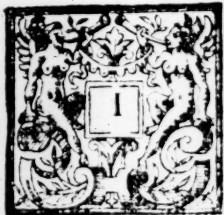


ANNO DOMINI. 1629.

Articles to be inquired of by the Churchwardens
and Inquisitors of euery Parish in the Lord Primates Visitation Metropolitall.



Item, whether is your Parson, Vicar or Curate resident continually, in, at, and vpon his Benefice, doing his dutie in reading distinctly the Diuine Service, Preaching the Word, and

duely administering the holy Sacraments, according to the Booke of Common prayer?

Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar (being lawfully absent from his Cure at any time) leave in his place a sufficient and conformable Curate, to celebrate Diuine Service, administer the Sacraments, and teach and preach the Scriptures?

Item, whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate: a common refoiter to Tavernes or Alehouses, giuing himselfe to drinking, ryoting, and playing at Cards, Dice, or other vnlawfull games: or is he a striker, dueller, dancer, or hunter; or so reported?

Item, whether is your Parson or Vicar, or any other of or in your Parish, an Vsurer, or lender of his Money for vnlawfull gaine, or whether is he, or they taken or reputed so to be?

Item, whether doe the Proprietaries, Parsons, Vicars, and other possessors of the Churches, Chappels and their mansions within your Parish, keepe the Chancels of their Rectories and Vicarages, and other their houses and buildings belonging to the same in due reparations?

Item, whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate receiued any persons to the holy Communion, being openly knowne to bee at debate and out of charitie with their neighbours, or defamed with any notorious crime, and not reformed?

Item, whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate denied or neglected to visite the sick, or burie the dead, being brought to the Church, and hauing thereof notice?

Item, how many Benefices or Ecclesiasticall promotions hath your Parson or Vicar, and how farre distant are they the one from the other? what Chappels hath hee to his Cures belonging? by what names are they called, and how and by whom are they serued?

Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate minister the holy Communion any other wise then onely after such forme and manner as is set forth in the Booke of Common prayer?

Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate (being no Preacher allowed) presume to expound the Scriptures, in his owne Cure, or elsewhere? or doth hee procure (once in a Moneth at the least) a Sermon to be preached in his Cure, by Preachers lawfully licensed? And vpon euery Sunday, when there is no Sermon, doth hee or his Cure reade some one of the Homilies prescribed?

Item, whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holy day, halfe an houre at least, before Euening prayer, examine and instruct the youth of your Parish in the Catechisme, set forth by Authoritie in the Booke of Common prayer: and whether doth hee call them thereunto in course, and whether doe the Churchwardens of the Parish assist him therein?

Item, what Schoolemasters haue you in your Parish, that eether teach priuately or publickly, and not licenced thereunto, and by whom be they harboured?

Item, whether be there in your Parish any persons that contemne or abuse, by word or deed, the Ministers of the Church?

Item, whether the Service of your Church be begun and ended at due and conuenient houres, and whether the same be celebrated by your Parson, Vicar or Curate according to the Booke of Common prayer?

Item, whether any person within your Parish doe wilfully maintaine and defend any Heresie, error, or opinion contrarie or repugnant to the Scriptures, doctrine of the Church?

Item, whether there be any in your Parish that be common Drunkards, swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God?

Item, whether there be any in your Parish who haue committed Adulterie, Fornication or Incest, or be common Bawls or receiuers of such lewd and euill persons, or that bee vehemently suspected the self, or of any the like crimes?

Item, who they be (if any such there be in your Parish) that bee Brawlers, slanderers, chiders, soldiers, make-bates, and fowers of discord betweene one person and another, and especially betweene Man and Wife, Parents and their Children, Masters and their Seruants?

Item, whether bee there in your Parish that doe vse and exercise Charmes, Sorceries, Inchantments, Inuocations, Circles, Witchcrafts, soothsayings, or any like Arts inuented by the Deuill, and especially in or at the time of Womens traualle?

Item, whether is your Church sufficiently repayred, and therein your Pulpit and Communion-Table decently furnished and appointed; if not, whose default the same is?

Item, whether there be in your Parish any that (in contempt of their owne Parish Church) doe resort to any other Church or Chappell?

Item, whether any Inne-holders or Alehouse-keepers within your Parish doe commonly vse to sell meate and drinke within the time of Common prayer, Preaching or reading of the Homilies aforesaid?

Item, whether any in your Parish vnder gouernement of their Parents or others, haue made priue contractes of Matrimonic, not calling thereunto two or more witnesss, nor hauing the consent of their Parents, or such others vnder

whose gouernement they are?

Item, whether such Persons, or other in your Parish, haue married the Banes not first solemnely asked, or at vnseasonable houres?

Item, whether you know in your Parish any Executors of Dead mens goods, which doe not bestow or haue not bestowed the same, especially such of the said goods as were bequeathed or appointed to be distributed among the poore, repaying of High-ways, finding of poore Schollers, or marrying of poore Maydens, or such other charitable deedes accordingly?

Item, whether any in your Parish doe vse to keepe any other holy-dayes then by order of the Churches of England and Ireland are appointed for holy-dayes by the Booke of Common prayer?

CHANCELLORS.

Item, whether is your Chancellor, Commissarie or Official learned in the Ecclesiasticall and Ciuill Lawes, and such an one as is twentie fixe yeares olde at the least, and is reasonably well practised in the course of these Lawes, and touching whose life and conuersation, no euill report hath bene?

Item, whether your Chancellor, Commissarie, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction in this Diocesse, their Registers, Actuaries, Apparitors, or Sumners haue at any time winked at, and suffered Adulteries, Fornications, Incests, or other like offences to passe and remaine unpunished? or haue commuted any penance without speciall licence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocesse?

Item, what persons are there in your Parish that haue bene married, that haue bene divorced, and haue married with others, for these three yeares last past? By whose sentence were they divorced, and by whose licence, and by whome were they so married? Declare your knowledge in the premises, and what you haue credibly heard?

Item, whether doth your Chancellor, Commissarie or Official for his exercising the Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction of the Diocesse, giue any yearly Rent, summe or summes of Money, or other consideration for the same, to any person or persons whatsoever?

Item, Is there in your Parish any other matter or cause of the Cognizance of the Church about not expressed, worthy presentment in your iudgement? If any such matter or cause there be, you are charged likewise to present the same, as you are thereto by vertue of the same Oath.

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